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# News

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Dear Wisconsin Children's Safety Advocates:

In February 2006, the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission issued a total of **nine (9) recalls relating to products affecting children**. Attached is a summary of the releases identifying the product, problem and what should be done with the recalled product.

We have found that not all of the recalls are picked up by the news media as they occur. This monthly summary will give you the opportunity to review all of the children's product safety recalls for the past two months.

If you are interested in a complete text of the recall, double click on the hyperlink at the end of the recall description. This will take you to the CPSC website and the actual recall notice. If you have other product safety questions you may call our toll free number at **(800) 422-7128**.

Following is a listing of the 9 "KIDS" recalls by title and identification number (when available):

- ❖ The First Years® Announces Voluntary Recall of Liquid-Filled Teethers. FDA Recall
- ❖ SunTome Reannounces Baby Walker Recall due to Stairway Fall Hazard. #06-077
- ❖ Bike Pro Inc. Reannounces Baby Walker Recall Due to Stairway Fall Hazard. #06-078
- ❖ Ace Han Baby Walkers Recalled Due to Stairway Fall Hazard. #06-079
- ❖ Black Dog Children's Hooded Sweatshirts with Drawstrings Recalled for Strangulation Hazard. #06-088
- ❖ Metal Charms Recalled for Lead Poisoning Hazard to Children. #06-093
- ❖ Chicken Limbo Party Games Recalled after 23 Reports of Injuries. #06-096
- ❖ Next Marketing Inc. Recalls Youth Hooded Fleece with Drawstring for Strangulation Hazard. #06-097
- ❖ Toy Mobile Phones Recalled for Choking Hazard. #06-099

We hope you find this service of value and that it assists you to:

## "KEEP YOUR KIDS SAFE!"

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**Release Number (FDA Recall):** The First Years, a subsidiary of RC2 Corporation, is voluntarily recalling liquid filled teething rings due to possible bacterial contamination. This recall is for 6 different styles of liquid-filled teething rings for infants (3+ months old) to soothe gums during the feeding stage. The 6 styles affected have the same general construction of a durable vinyl exterior with clear liquid pre-filled inside. Some designs have printed graphics while others have floating internal characters. The teething rings are sold nationwide including major retailers, grocery, drug and specialty stores from July 2005 to January 2006 for \$2.99 to \$3.99.

- Disney Days of Hunny Soft Cool Ring Teether--Style# Y1447
- Disney Soft Cool Ring Teether--Style# Y1470
- Disney Soft Cool Ring Teether--Style# Y1490
- The First Years® Cool Animal Teether/Fish, Zebra and Dinosaur designs--Style# Y1473
- The First Years® Floating Friends Teether-- Style# Y1474
- Sesame Beginnings™ Chill & Chew Teether-- Style# Y3095

**Problem:** The liquid inside the teething rings may contain pseudomonas aeruginosa and pseudomonas putida which can cause serious illness in children if the teether is punctured and the liquid from the teether is ingested.

**What to do:** Consumers should stop using the recalled products immediately. Consumers should put the teether in its current condition into a sealed plastic storage bag, place in envelope, and return to: Parent Service Center, RC2/The First Years, 100 Technology Center Drive, Stoughton, Massachusetts, 02072. Consumers should include their mailing address in the envelope to receive a replacement teether and free gift. For additional information, consumers can visit: [www.thefirstyears.com](http://www.thefirstyears.com) or call The First Years Parent Service Center at 1-866-725-4407.



- [http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/firstyears01\\_06.html](http://www.fda.gov/oc/po/firmrecalls/firstyears01_06.html)

**Release Number (06-077):** SunTome Trading Corp., of Los Angeles, Calif. is voluntarily recalling about 600 Baby Walker. The recalled walkers have eight wheels and are sold in various colors including dark blue, pink and white, or pink and red. The activity trays on the baby walkers have a steering wheel, various rattles and a mirror or animal themes. The trays play music when the baby pushes a button. "Baby" is printed on a sticker on the tray or the walker's base. The walkers were sold at retail toy stores nationwide from March 2001 through January 2006 for about \$20 and were manufactured in China.

Note: SunTome Trading Corp. [originally recalled](#) these baby walkers on July 20, 2001.

**Problem:** The walkers can fit through a standard doorway and are not designed to stop at the edge of a step. Babies using these walkers can be seriously injured or killed.

**What to do:** Consumers should stop using the recalled walkers immediately and return the walkers to the retailer where purchased for a full refund. For additional information, contact SunTome Trading Corp. at (888) 786-8663 between 9:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. PT Monday through Friday.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06/06077.html>

**Release Number (06-078):** Bike Pro, Inc., of Pico Rivera, Calif. is voluntarily recalling about 50,000 Baby Walkers. The recalled walkers are

intended for babies 6 months and older. The walkers are blue, green, pink and yellow. They have musical activity trays with various toys and themes including rockets and a tank with an army print cloth seat, lights and a steering wheel with a teddy bear cloth seat, and a monkey's face with a teddy bear seat cloth. "Baby" and "BEBELOVE" are printed on labels on some of the walkers. They were sold at independent discount stores in Arizona, California, Colorado, Texas, Michigan, Missouri, and New York sold these baby walkers from January 2000 through January 2006 for between \$18 and \$22 and manufactured in China.

Note: Bike Pro [originally recalled](#) these baby walkers on October 9, 2002.

**Problem:** The walkers can fit through a standard doorway and are not designed to stop at the edge of a step. Babies using these walkers can be seriously injured or killed.

**What to do:** Consumers should stop using these walkers immediately and return them to the store where purchased for a full refund. For additional information, contact Bike Pro Inc. at (800) 261-2559 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. PT Monday through Friday.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06/06078.html>

**Release Number (06-079):** Ace Han Corp., of Jamesburg, N.J. is voluntarily recalling about 2,500 Baby Walkers. The recalled walkers have eight wheels and an activity tray with interactive toys. The walkers are blue and pink with various designs on the cloth seat. "Imported by Ace Han Corp" is printed on labels located on the base of the walkers. They were sold at independent retail stores in New York and Philadelphia from April 2004 through January 2006 for about \$20 to \$30 and manufactured in China.

**Problem:** The walkers can fit through a standard doorway and are not designed to stop at the edge of a step. Babies using these walkers can be seriously injured or killed.

**What to do:** Consumers should immediately stop using the recalled walkers and return them to the retailer where purchased for a full refund. For additional information, contact Ace Han at (800) 521-5115 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06/06079.html>

**Release Number (06-088):** The Black Dog Tavern Company Inc., of Vineyard Haven, Mass. is voluntarily recalling about 9,700 Children's Hooded Sweatshirts with Drawstrings. The recalled sweatshirts have a black dog on the front and are sold in youth sizes up to size 12 with drawstrings through the hood. Sweatshirt colors include navy blue, gray, red, pink, black or oatmeal. "The Black Dog," "Est. 71," or "The Black Dog/Martha's Vineyard" are printed on the back of some of the sweatshirts. A tag sewn on the inside of the garment reads, "The Black Dog." Style numbers are K086, K088, K090, K062, or K063 are printed on the garment's hang tag. They were sold exclusively through Black Dog retail stores, catalog, and Web site from May 2004 through January 2006 for between \$30 and \$50. They were manufactured in Canada and China.

**Problem:** The garments have a drawstring through the hood, posing a strangulation hazard to children. In February 1996, CPSC issued [guidelines](#) to help prevent children from strangling or getting entangled on the neck and waist by drawstrings in upper garments, such as jackets and sweatshirts.

**What to do:** Consumers should immediately remove the drawstrings from the sweatshirts to eliminate the hazard. For additional information, contact Black Dog at (800) 626-1991 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday, or



visit the firm's Web site at  
[www.theblackdog.com](http://www.theblackdog.com).



<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06/06088.html>

**Release Number (06-093):** Provo Craft & Novelty Inc., of Spanish Fork, Utah is voluntarily recalling about 29,000 Art Accentz™ Changlz™ Metal Charms. The charms are small silver-colored metal shapes that include flowers, bugs, pumpkins, and picture frames. "Art Accentz," "Changlz," "Provo Craft," and "For ages 3 and over" are printed on the charm's packaging. The charms were sold as decorations for craft projects such as scrapbooks, home décor and jewelry making. They were sold at small craft and scrapbook retails outlets from April 2004 through July 2005, and at Pamida Stores from January 2005 through April 2005, for about \$3 and manufactured in China.

**Problem:** The recalled charms contain high levels of lead, posing a serious risk of lead poisoning and adverse health effects to young children.

**What to do:** Consumers should immediately take the charms away from children and ensure any charms being used are not accessible to children. Call Provo Craft for a full refund. For additional information, contact Provo Craft at (800) 955-9490 between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. MT Monday through Friday.



<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06/06093.html>

**Release Number (06-096):** Milton Bradley, of East Longmeadow, Mass., is voluntarily recalling about 461,000 Chicken Limbo Electronic Party Game. The recalled "Chicken Limbo" is a plastic electronic game consisting of two red vertical poles set in yellow bases and an orange horizontal bar with a plastic white chicken at the center of the bar. The game is intended for children age 4 and up. The game was sold at discount department and toy stores nationwide from June 2005 through January 2006 for about \$25 and manufactured in China.

**Problem:** The game's two side poles do not fit into their bases properly making the game unstable. This can cause the game to completely fall apart if touched, hitting children playing the game as well as bystanders.

**What to do:** Consumers should take the recalled Chicken Limbo game away from children immediately and contact Milton Bradley to receive a free repair kit. The kit contains two yellow plastic replacement side poles to stabilize the toy. For additional information, contact Milton Bradley at (800) 245-0910 anytime, or visit the firm's Web site at [www.miltonbradley.com](http://www.miltonbradley.com)



<http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06/06096.html>

**Release Number (06-097):** Next Marketing Inc., of Wabash, Ind. voluntarily recalled about 22,000 Youth Hooded Fleece with Drawstring. The recalled youth hooded fleece garments have drawstrings. They were sold in a variety of colors and many of them have the names of

colleges and universities printed or embroidered on them. A sewn-in tag reads, "Lil Fan" or "LF 2." They were sold at web retailers, college book stores and department stores nationwide from September 2003 through December 10, 2005 for about \$15. They were manufactured in China and Pakistan.

**Problem:** The garments have a drawstring through the hood, posing a strangulation hazard to children. In February 1996, CPSC issued [guidelines](#) to help prevent children from strangling or getting entangled on the neck and waist by drawstrings in upper garments, such as jackets and sweatshirts.

**What to do:** Consumers should remove or cut the drawstrings to eliminate the hazard, or return the garment to the store where purchased for help in removing the drawstring. For additional information, contact Next Marketing Inc. toll-free at (866) 871-9978 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. ET Monday through Friday.



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06/06097.html>

**Release Number (06-099):** International Playthings Inc., of Parsippany, N.J. is voluntarily recalling about 50,500 iPlay My First Mobile Phones. My First Mobile phone is a red and blue flip style mobile phone with a yellow bear on the cover and a yellow hard plastic antenna. Inside the flip phone are five round orange numeric buttons, as well as a sun button. The phone sounds with various ring tones when the buttons are depressed. On the inside top cover on the phone is a mirror and a spinning star with a lady bug button. "Made in China" is printed on the back of the battery cover. They were sold at specialty toy stores nationwide from August 2002 through November 2005 for about \$13.

**Problem:** The toy phone's yellow antenna can detach, posing a choking hazard to young children. No injuries have been reported.

**What to do:** Consumers should contact the firm to receive information on returning the product to receive a free replacement item of similar value. Contact International Playthings at (800) 445-8347 anytime or visit the firm's Web site at [www.intplay.com/recall.htm](http://www.intplay.com/recall.htm).



- <http://www.cpsc.gov/cpscpub/prerel/prhtml06/06099.html>

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